



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 3438-109

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sven Bjorkgard) Group Art Unit: 3683
Application No.: 10/507,318) Examiner: Mariano Ong Sy
Filed: September 10, 2004)
For: Coupling) Confirmation No.: 9062

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006, **the period for response having been extended to October 13, 2006 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet(s). The amendments are discussed in this paper **and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet(s).**

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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Attachments to this amendment include:

Replacement Abstract

Replacement Sheet(s) - one sheet - Figs. 1 & 2

[Annotated Sheet(s) showing changes - one sheet - Figs. 1 & 2]